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# YOUTH MARIJUANA IN KING COUNTY: DO WE SEE INEQUITIES?

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# Goals

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- Do we see inequities by place/race/gender/sexual orientation?
- Do the data resonate with your experience/hypotheses?
- Why are the data showing what it is showing?



# Youth marijuana use by place, race, gender, and sexual orientation

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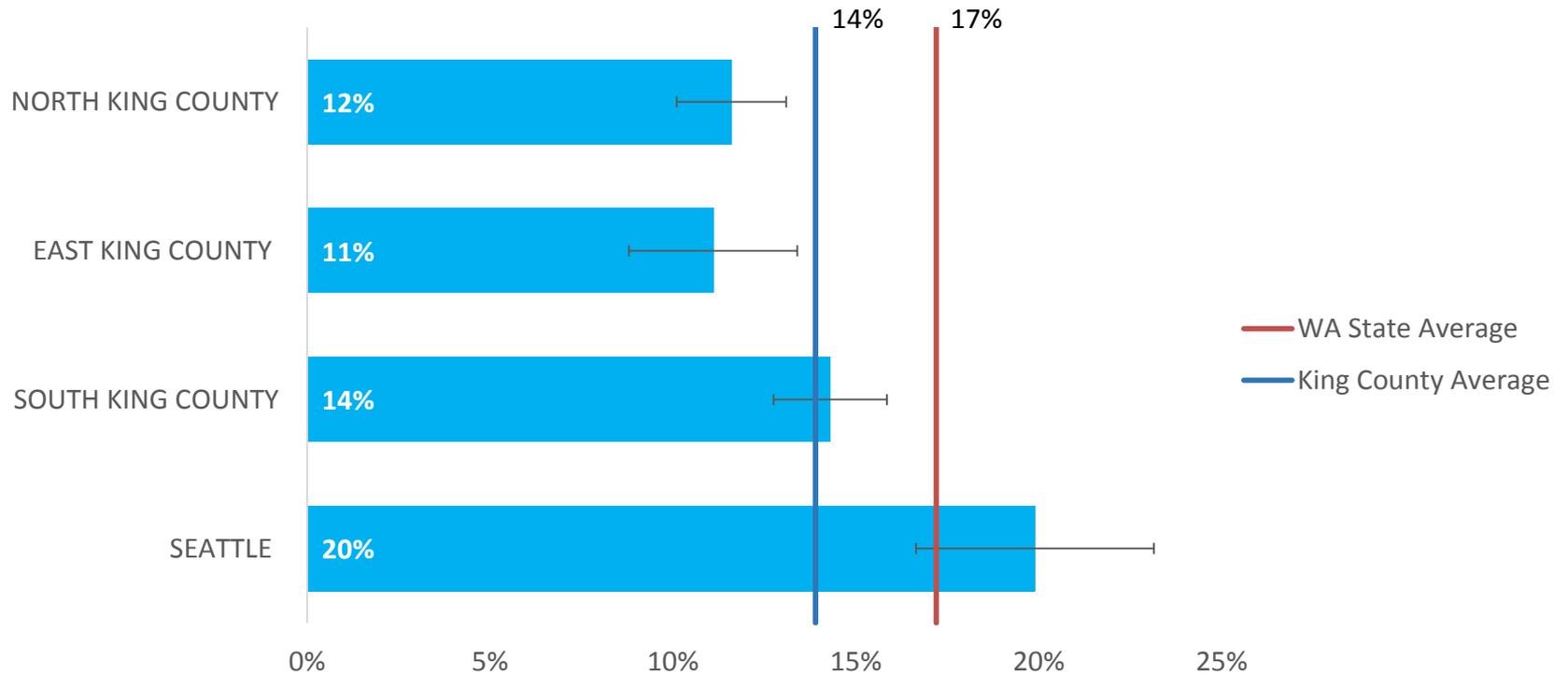
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# What differences do you see in youth marijuana use by place?

## Past 30-day marijuana use by King County region

King County 10<sup>th</sup> graders



Source: Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, 2016

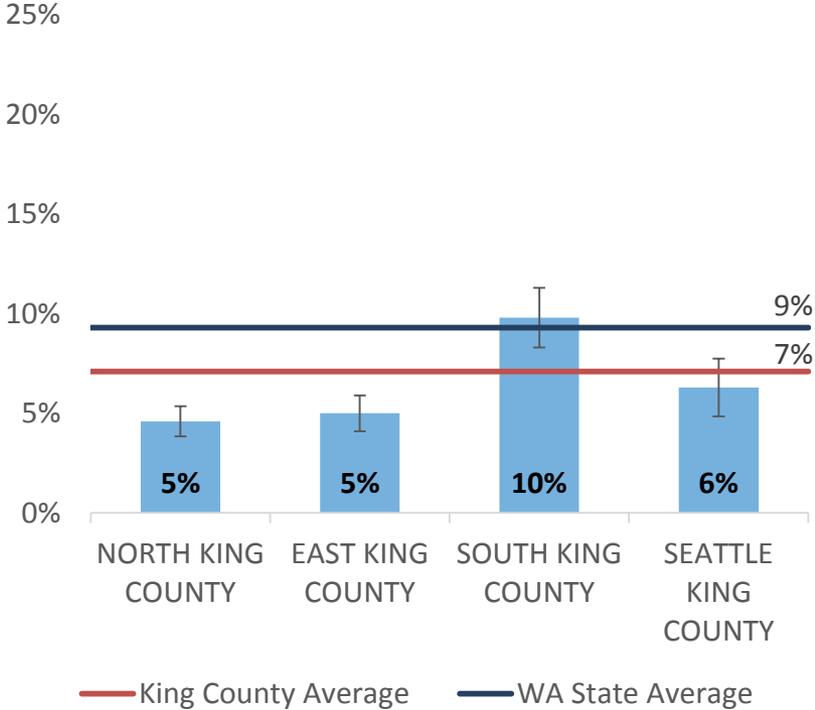
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# How does the percentage of youth reporting marijuana use and driving/riding compared across King County areas?

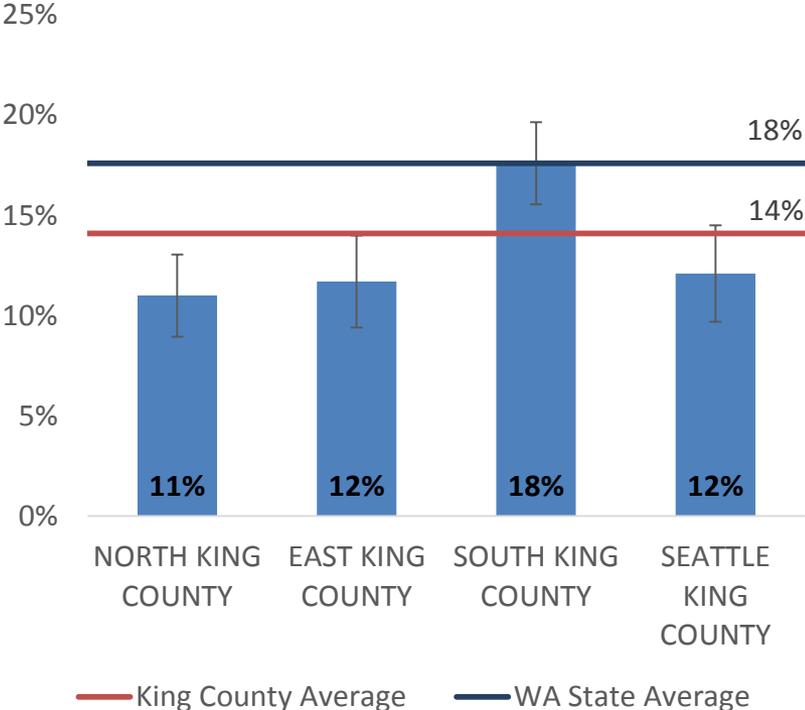
## Drove after using marijuana by sub-county region

As reported by King County 10<sup>th</sup> grade students



## Rode with a using driver by sub-county region

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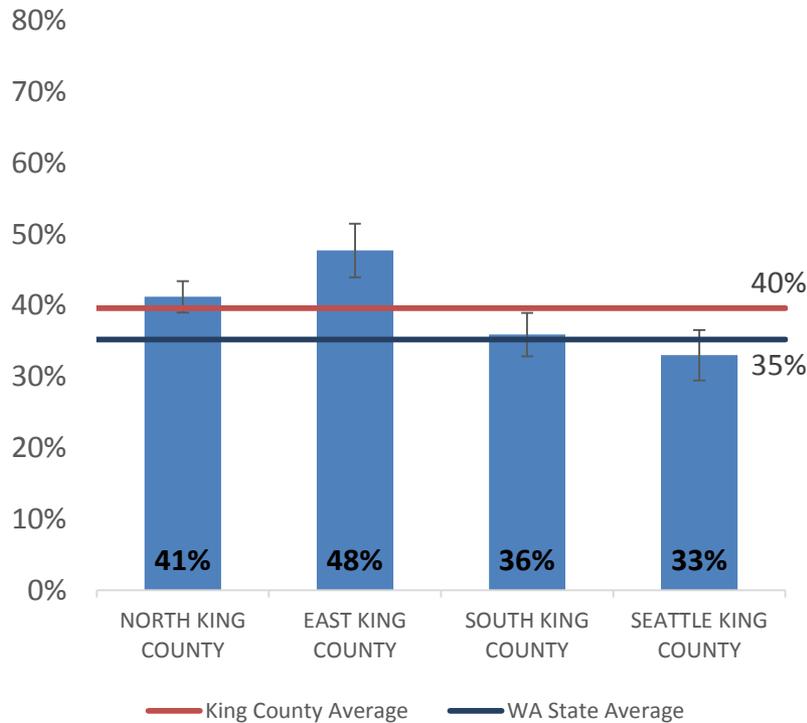


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# What does the data show about youth perceptions of harm and access to marijuana by place?

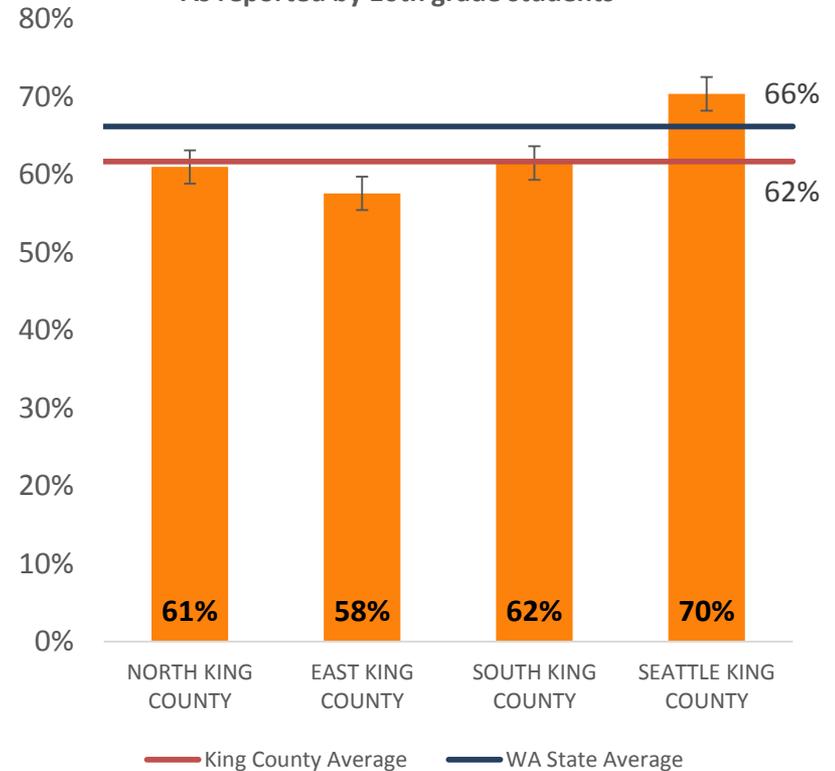
## Great risk of harm from regular use by sub-county region

As reported by King County 10th grade students



## Easy access to marijuana by sub-county region

As reported by 10th grade students

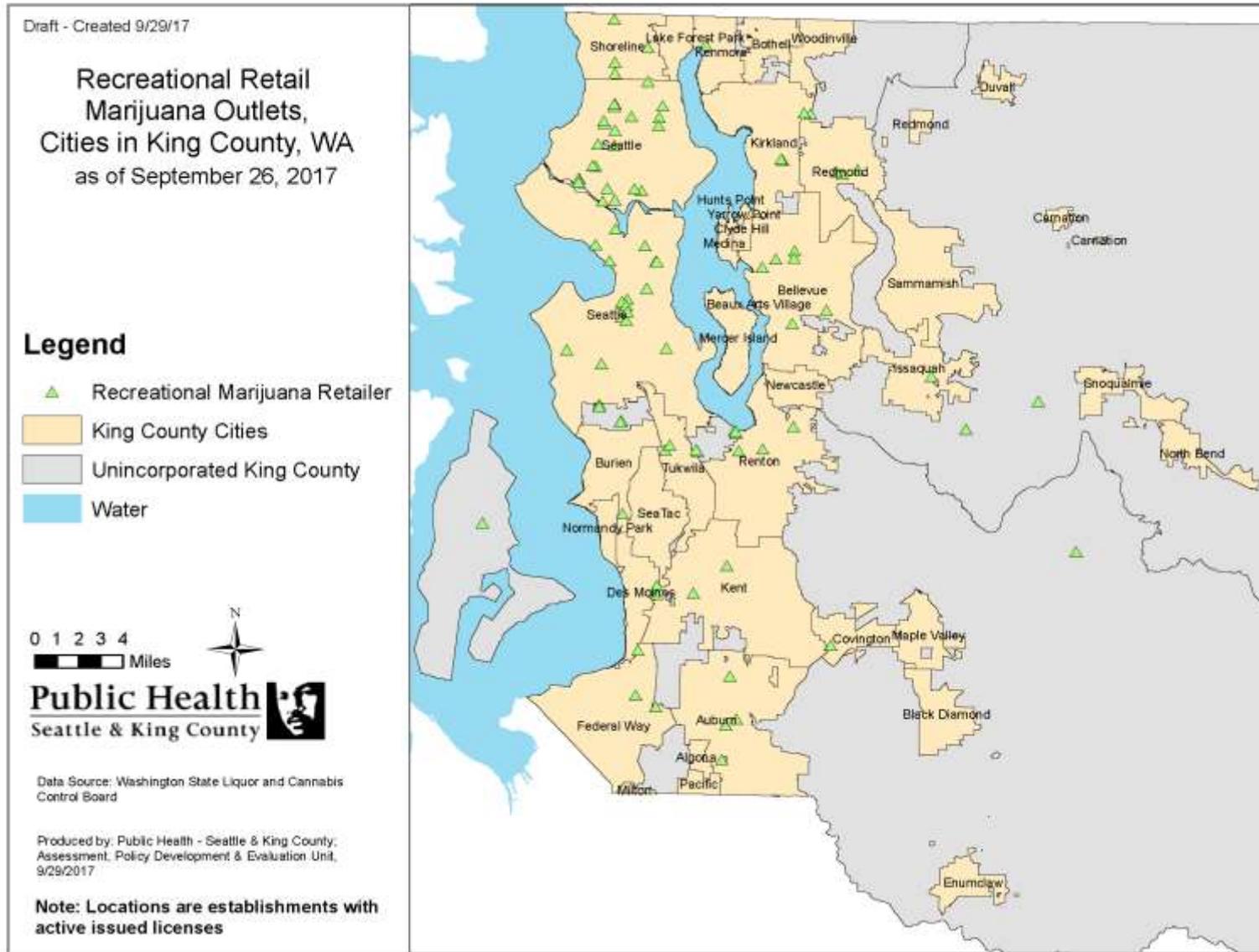


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# What other information would be helpful to include in the map?



## Does youth marijuana use differ by person characteristics?

Race

Gender

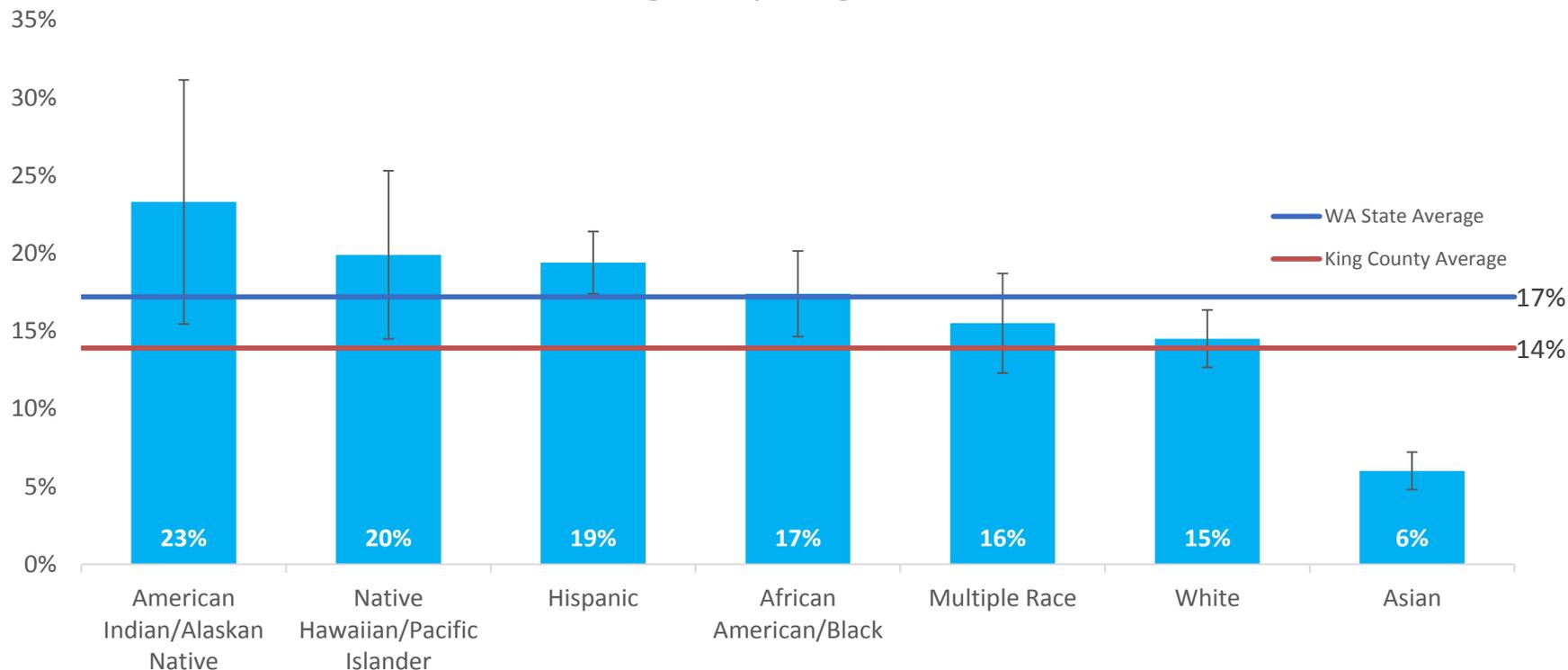
Sexual orientation



# What do you see when we look at youth marijuana use by race?

## Past 30-day marijuana use by race / ethnicity

King County 10<sup>th</sup> graders



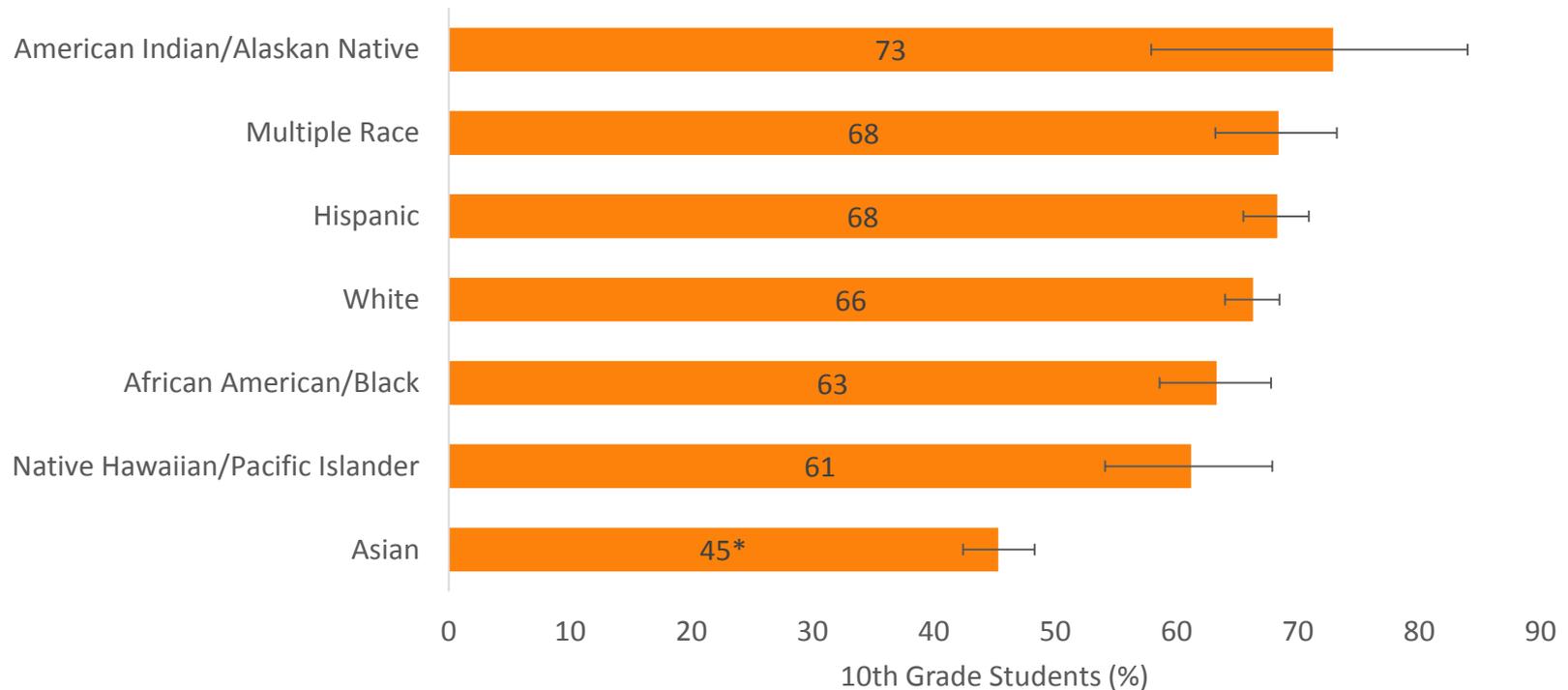
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# How does youth reported ease of access to marijuana differ by race?

Easy access to marijuana by race/ethnicity - Grade 10, King County, WA



\*Statistically different from white, NH students

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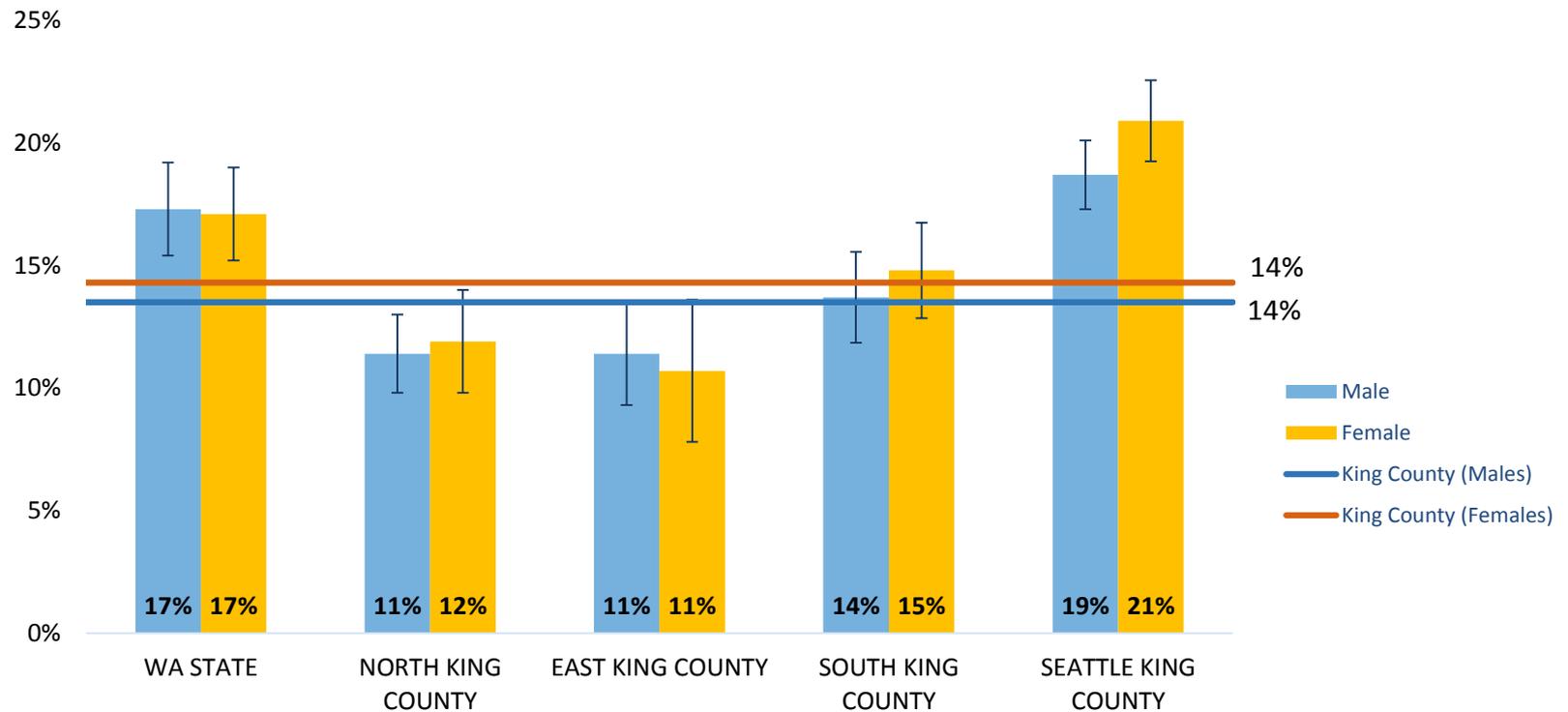
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# Are there differences in youth marijuana use by gender across King County regions?

## KING COUNTY 10th grade current marijuana use by sex and geography



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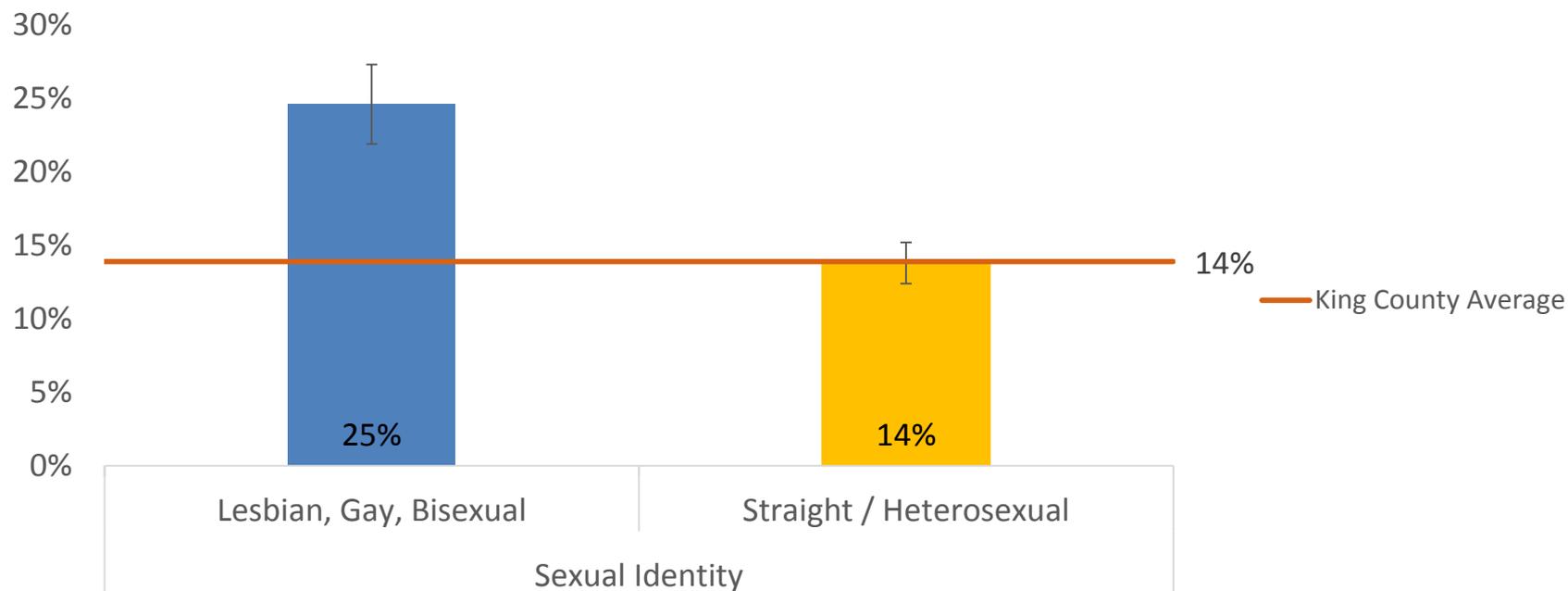
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# What does the data tell us about marijuana use among youth identifying as lesbian, gay or bisexual?

## Past 30-day marijuana use by sexual orientation

King County 10<sup>th</sup> graders



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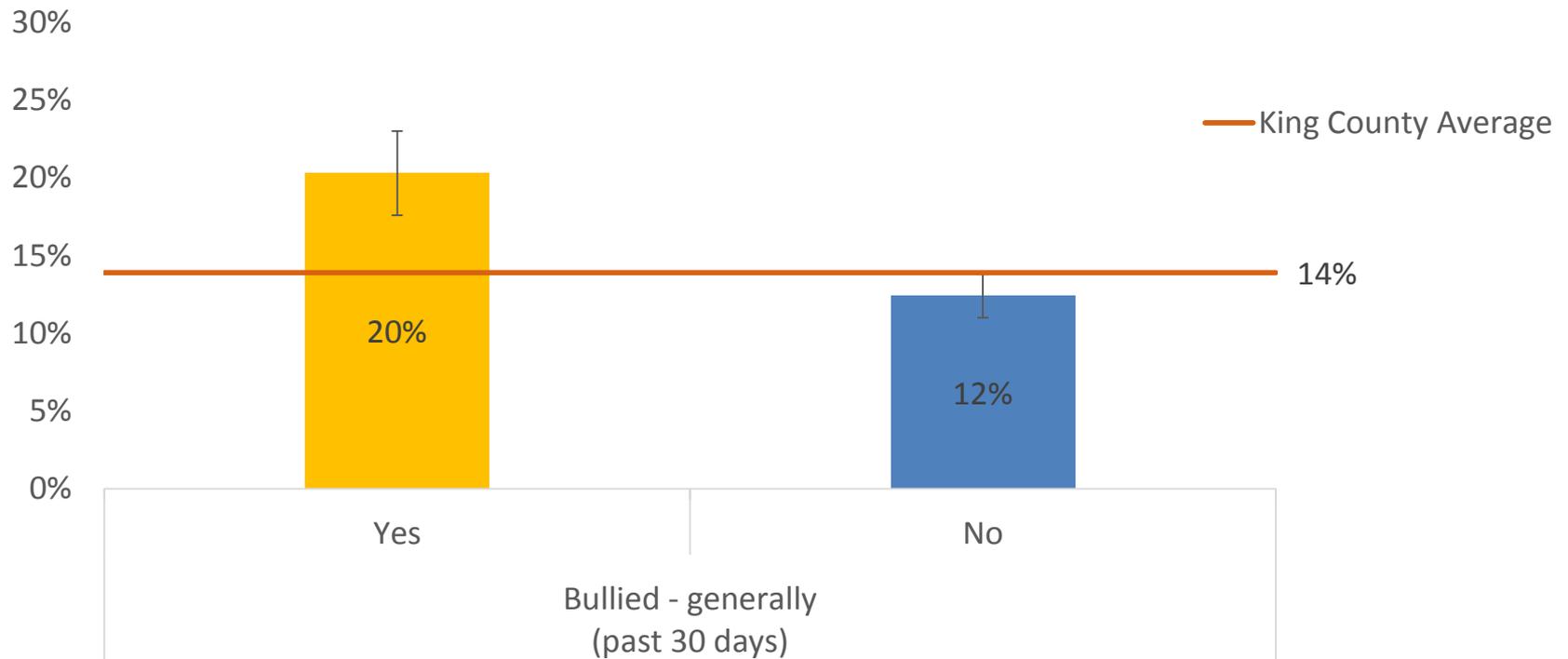
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# Are there differences in marijuana use among youth who experience bullying?

## Past 30-day marijuana use among bullied and non bullied

King County 10th Graders



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# Youth marijuana use and policy implications

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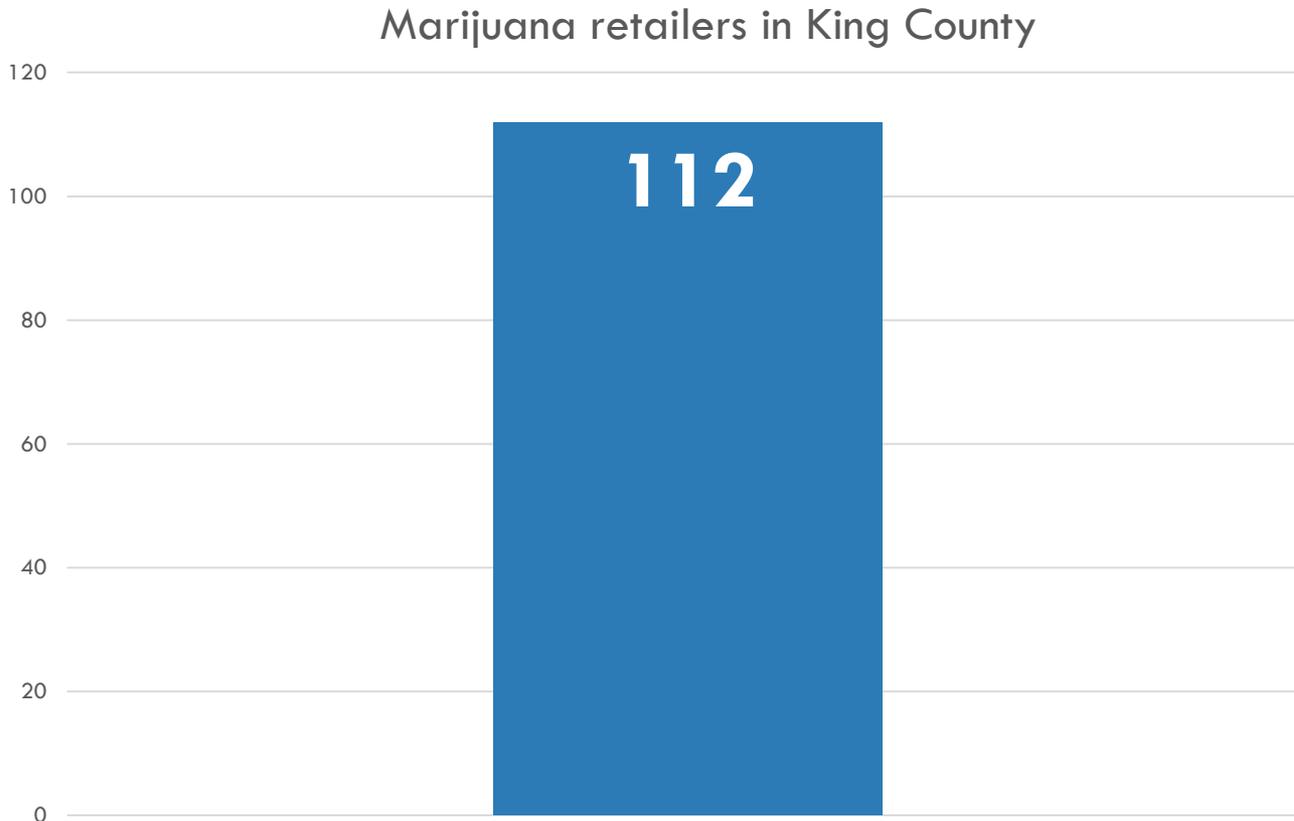
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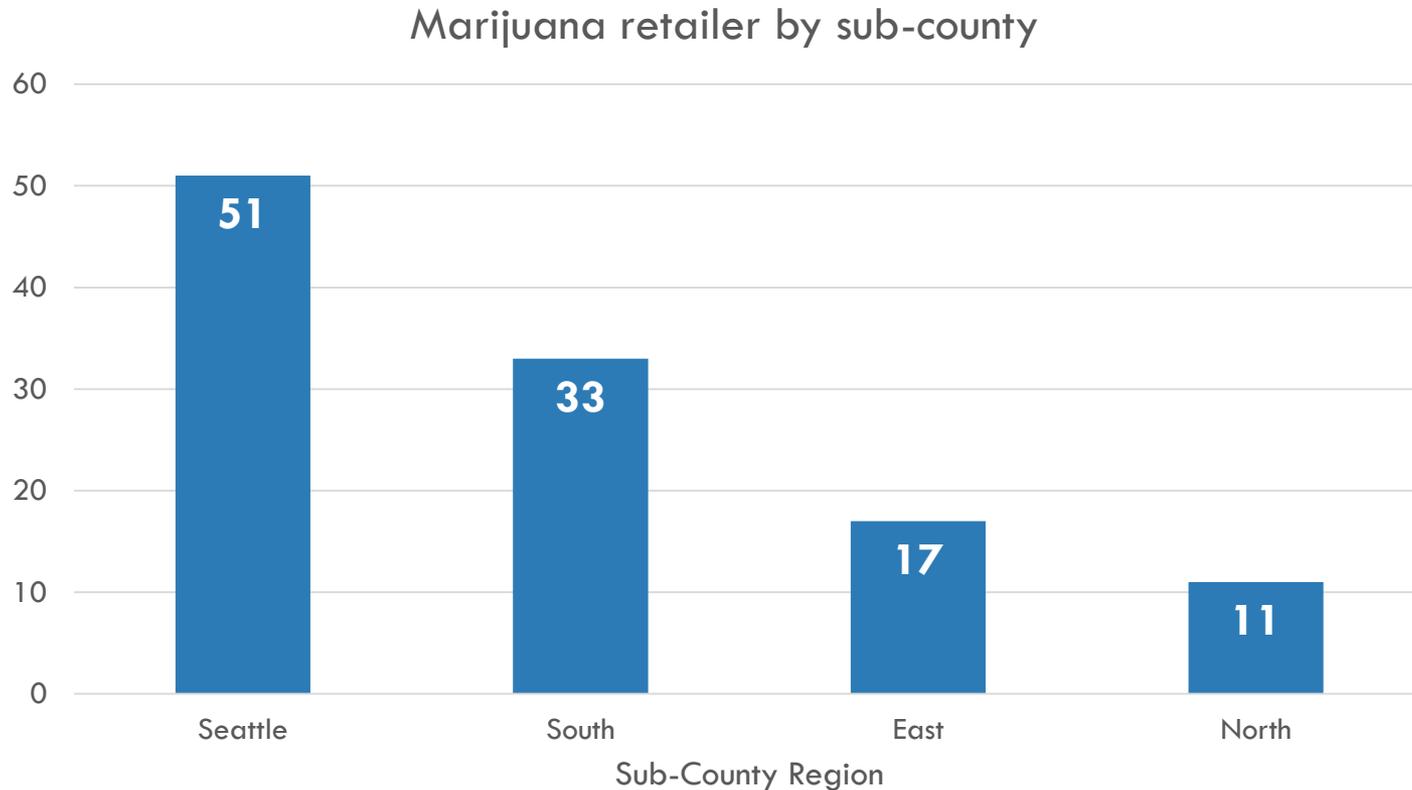
# Exposure to marijuana retail stores



Source: WA Liquor and Cannabis Board Marijuana License Applicants:  
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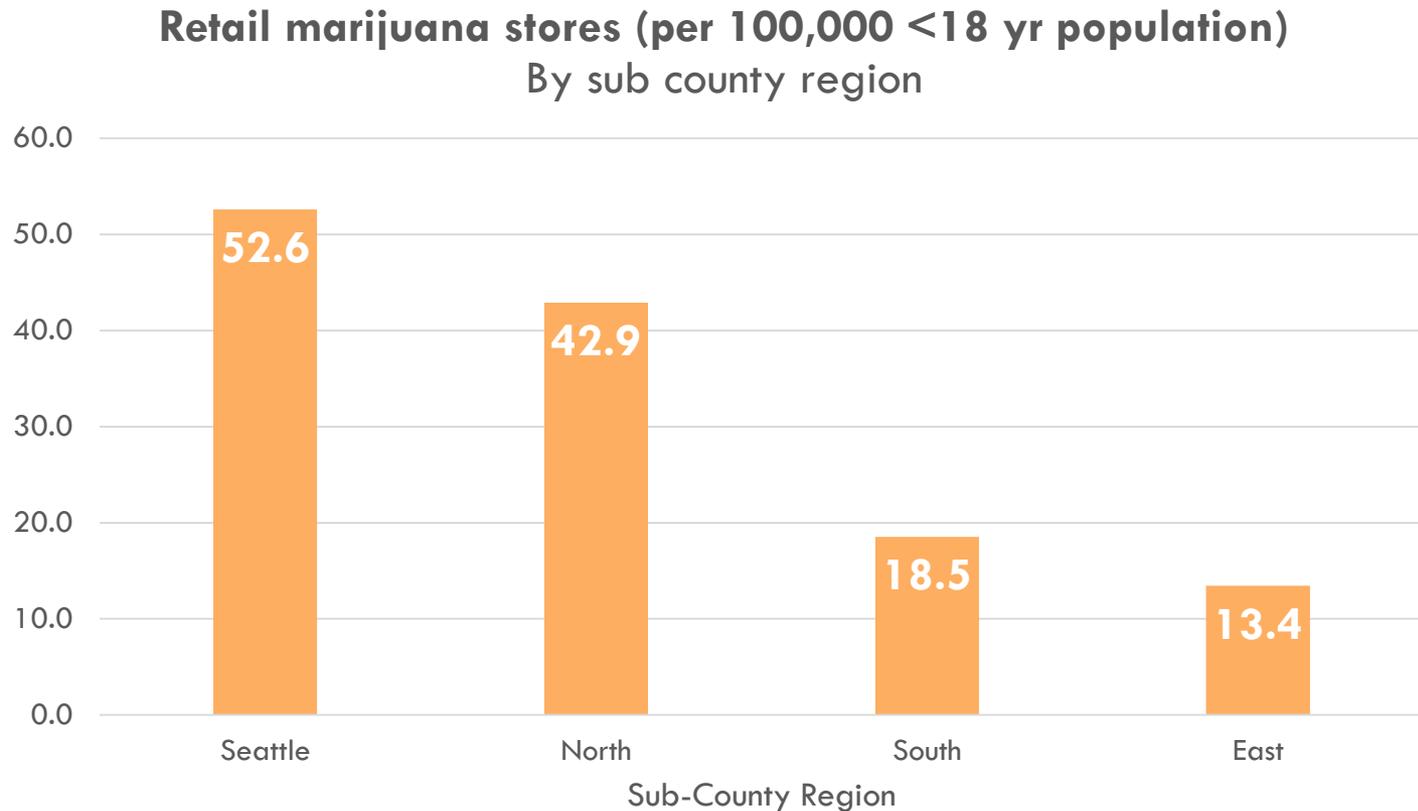
# Location of marijuana retail stores



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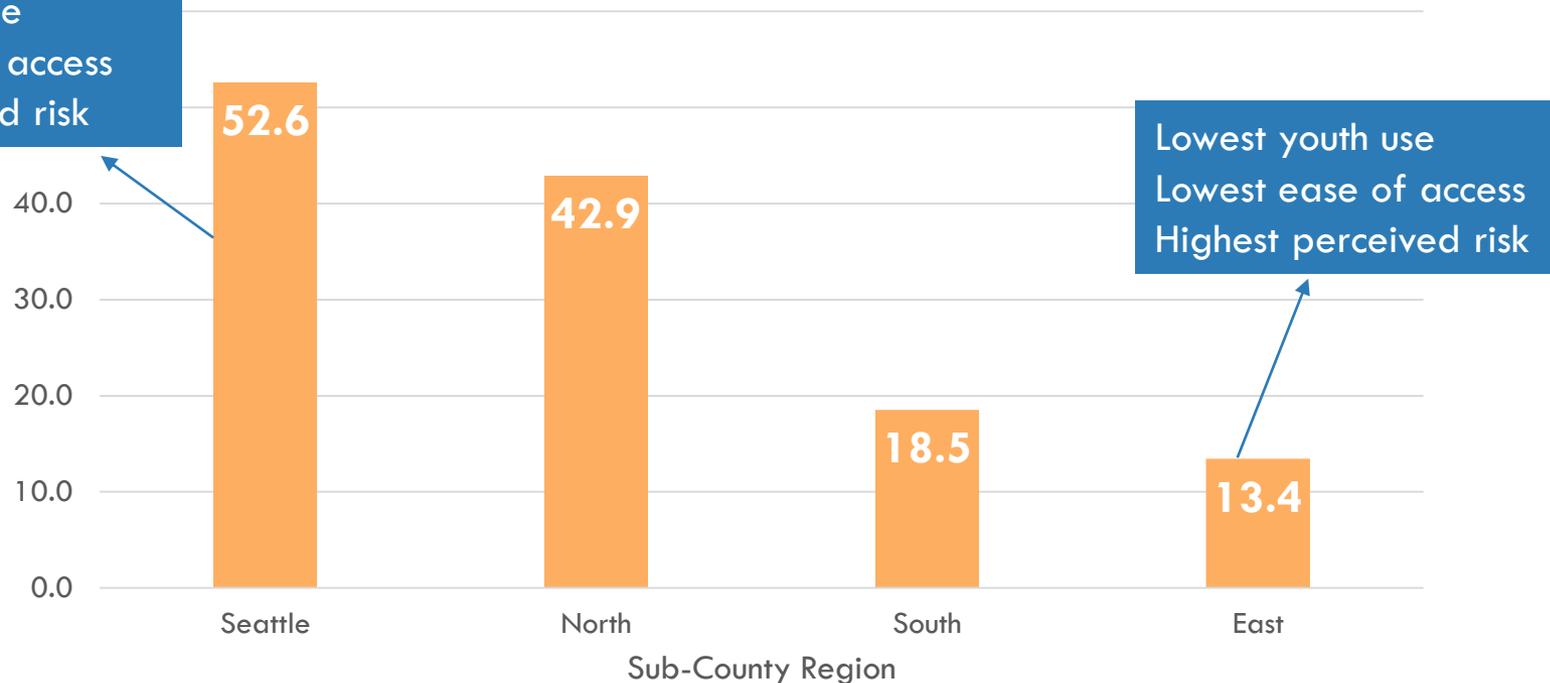


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Community Health Indicators: Demographics 2014 Population 18 and over  
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# Youth exposure to marijuana retail stores (under 18)

Retail marijuana stores (per 100,000 <18 yr population)  
By sub county region



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□ Access and exposure to retail

□ **Marijuana related school discipline** ←



## Differences between data sources

### Youth use data

- Healthy Youth Survey
- 2016
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Public schools (no charter schools)
- Sampling:
  - Total student sample = 54,966
  - Total SR marijuana users = 4,962
- Self-reported by students
- Marijuana use data

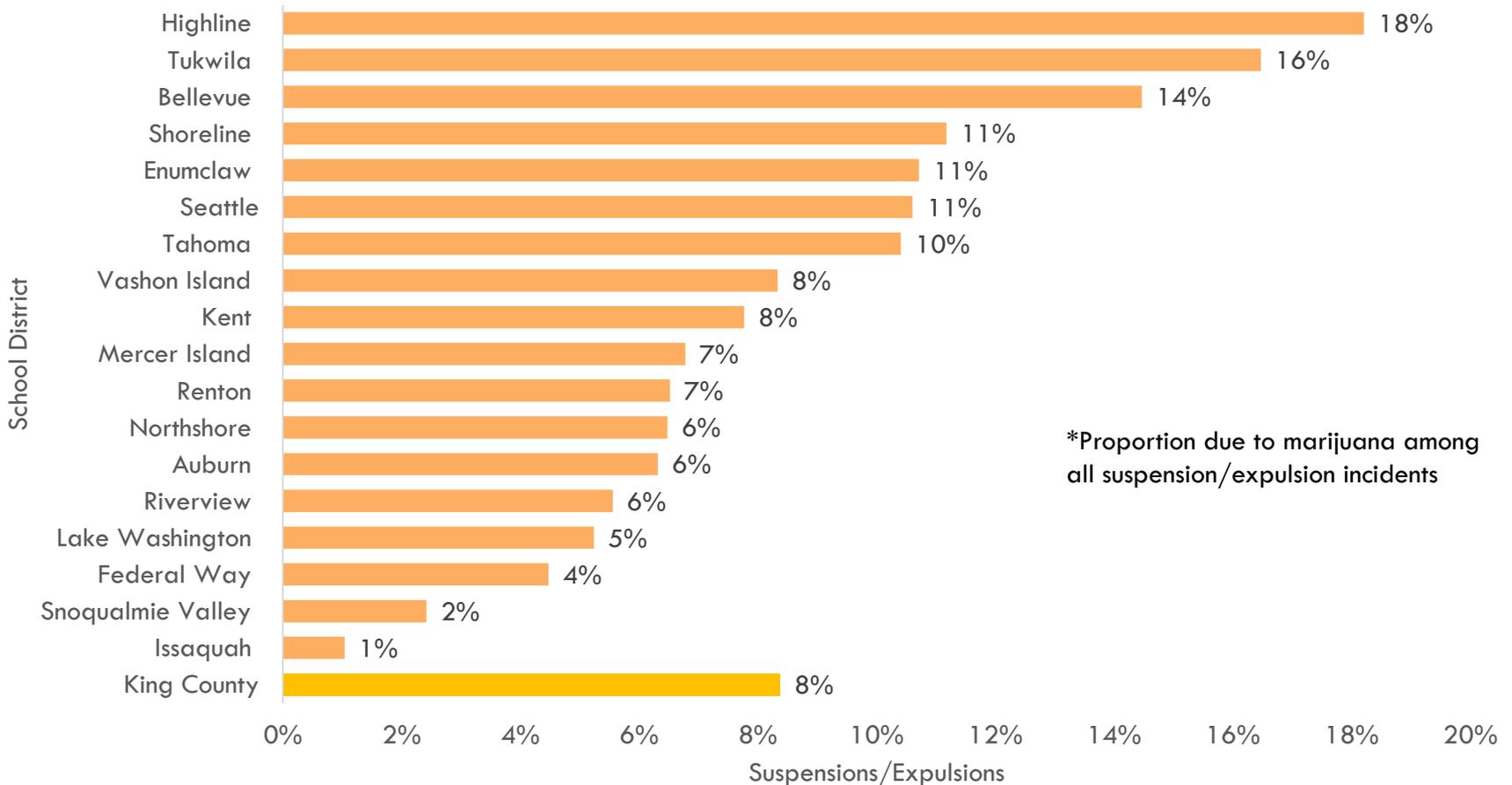
### Youth discipline data

- OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction)
- 2015
- All grades (K-12)
- All public schools (includes charter schools)
- Sampling:
  - Total district enrollment: 308,432
  - Total students disciplined for MJ: 970
- Reported by school administrators
- Suspension and expulsion data

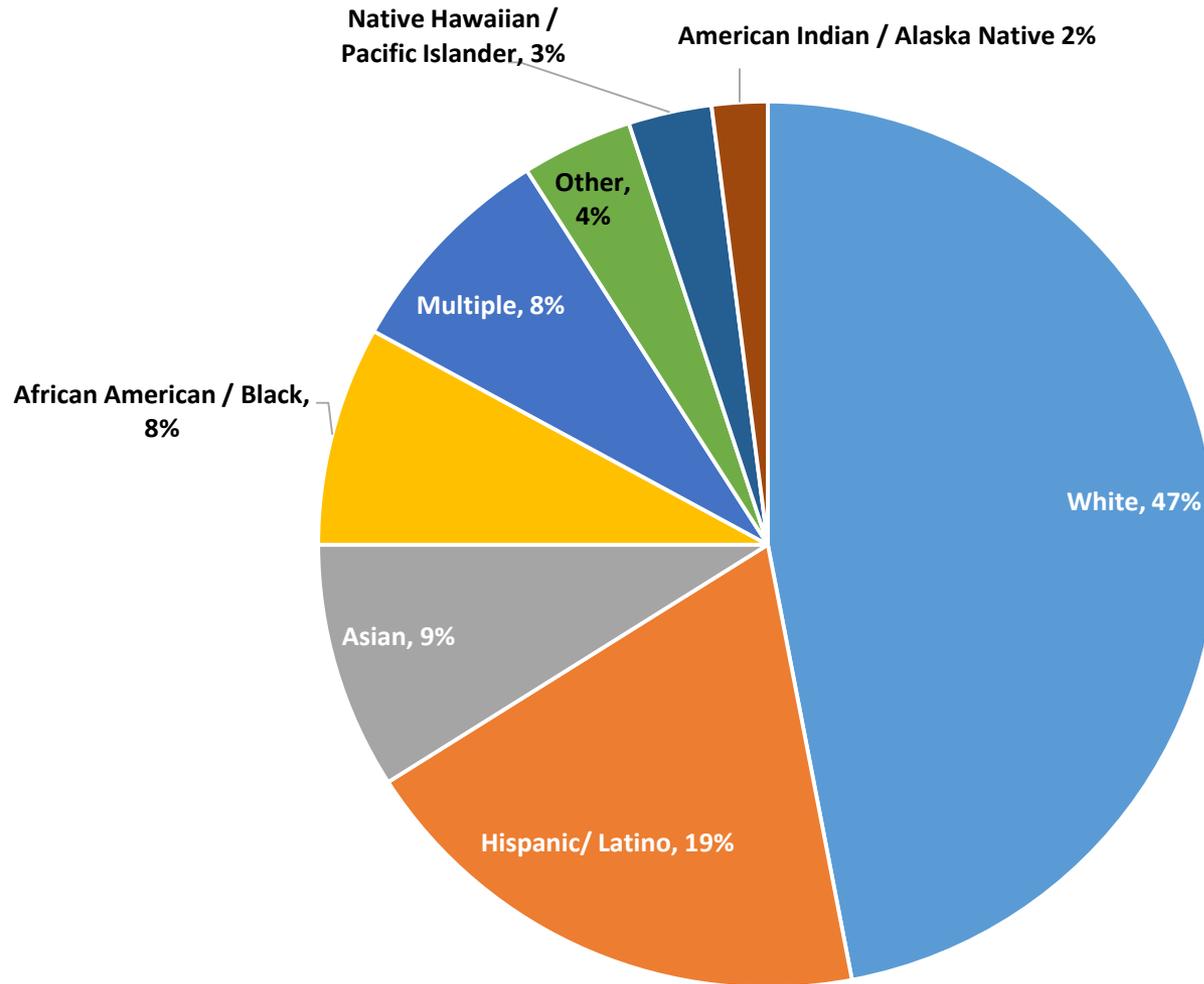


# Marijuana-related school expulsions and suspensions

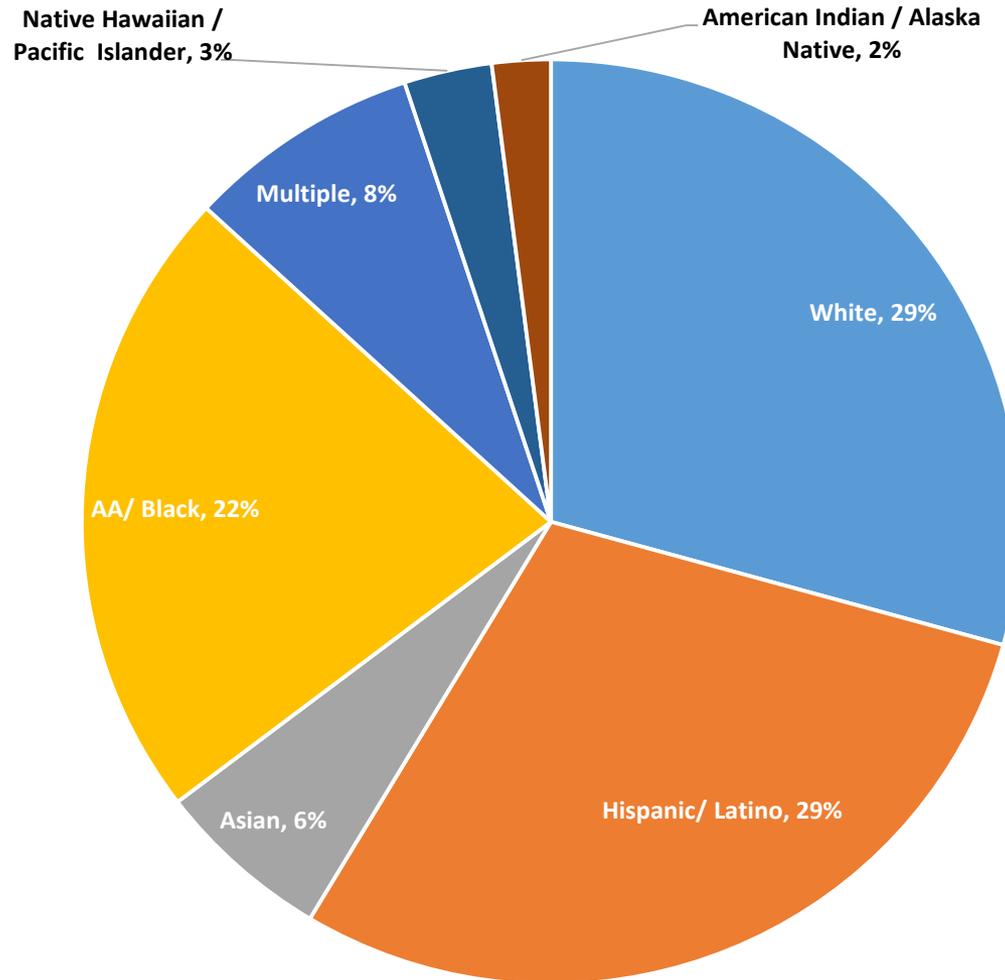
Disciplinary Incidents Involving Marijuana\* by School District - King County, WA, 2015



# Youth marijuana use in King County by race

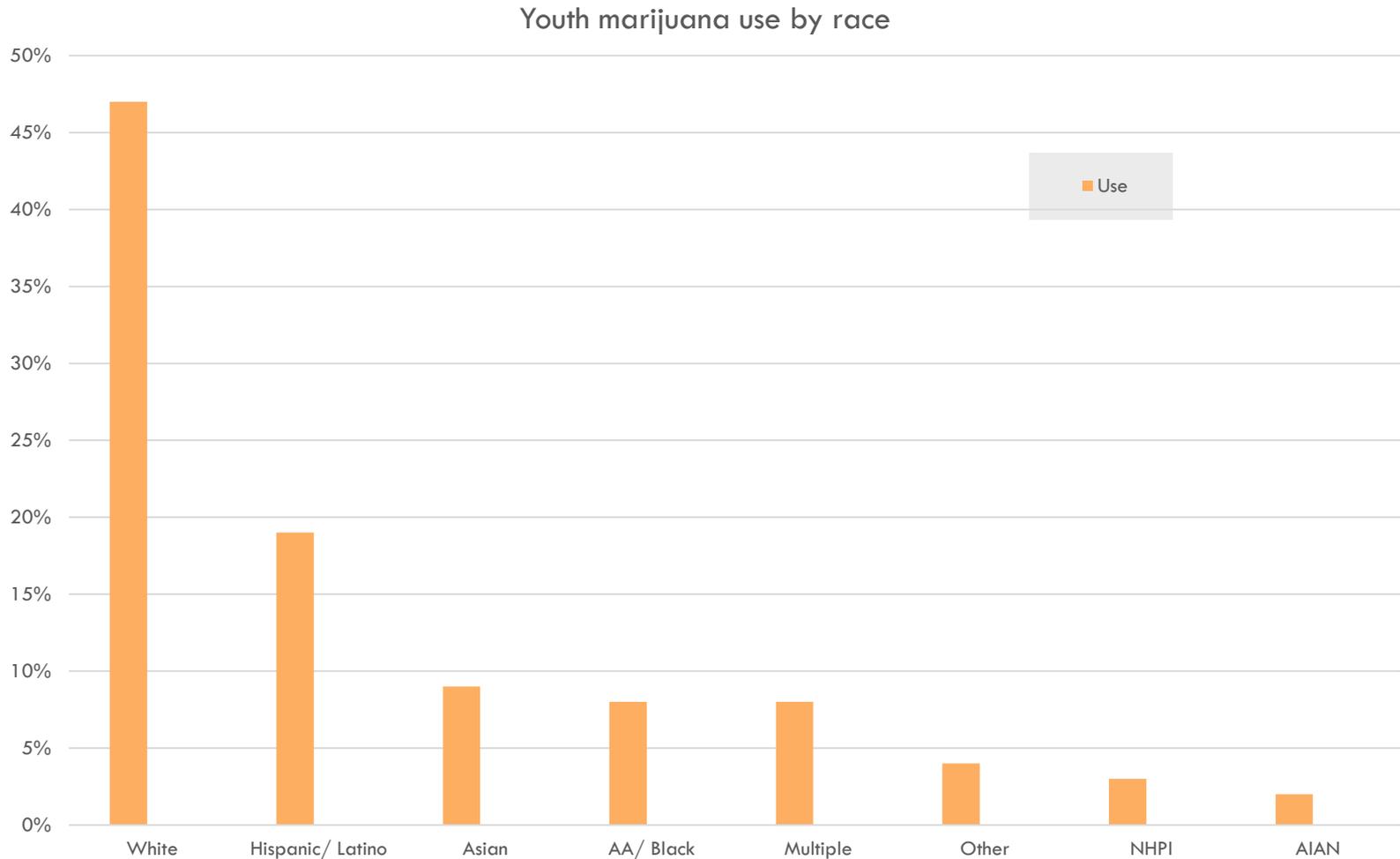


# Discipline for marijuana in King County by race



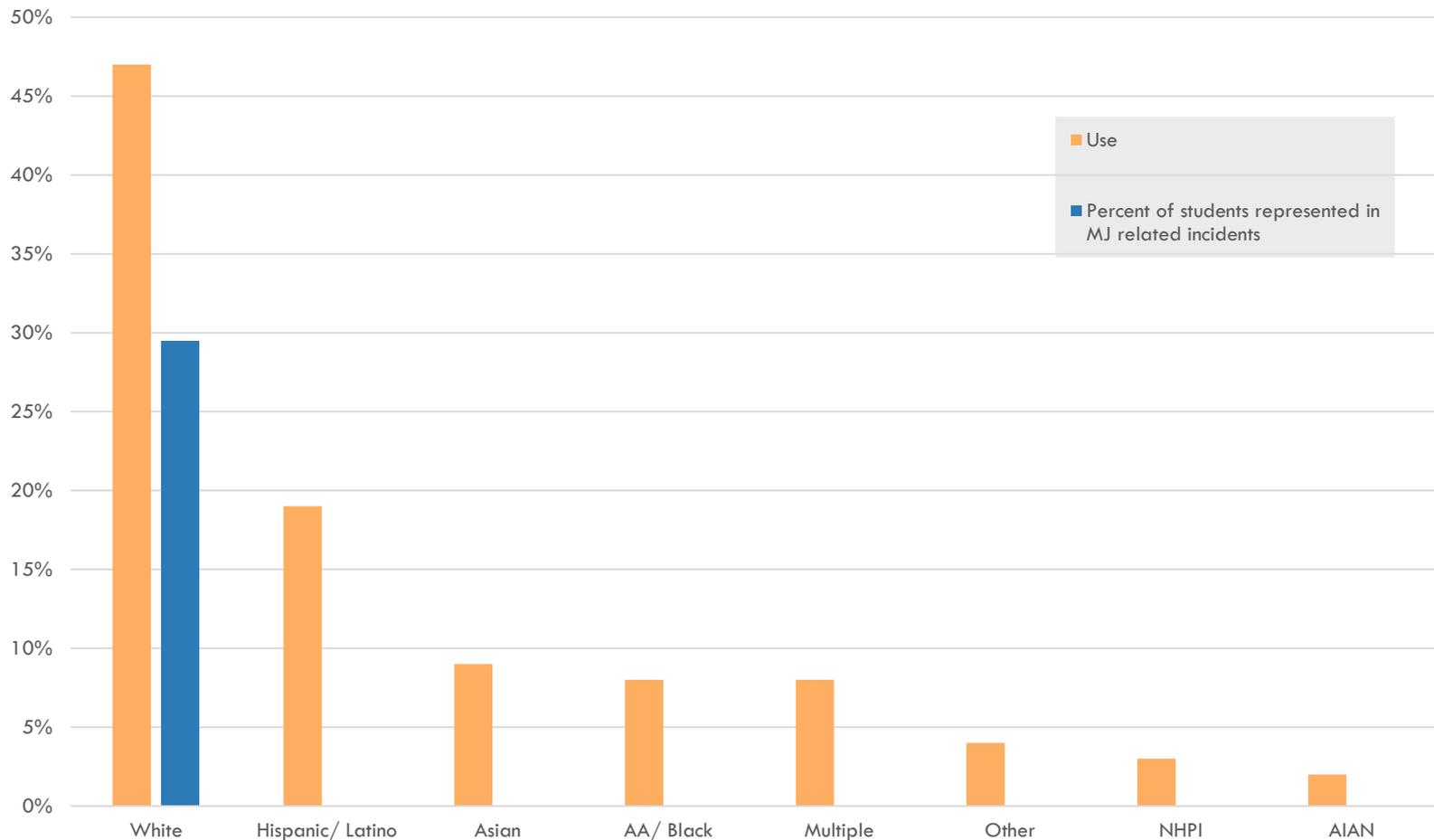
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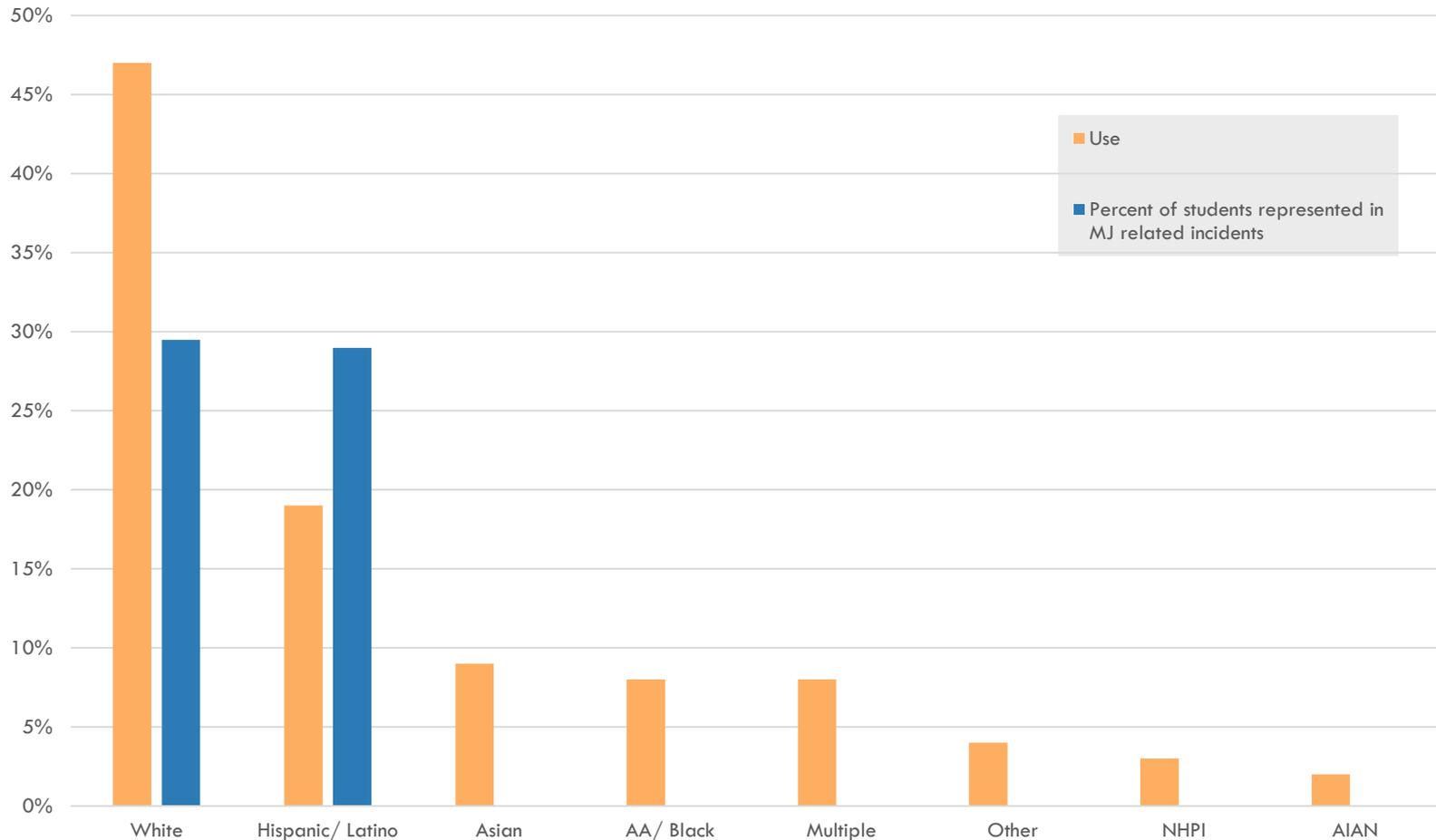
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Youth marijuana use by race and student marijuana discipline by race



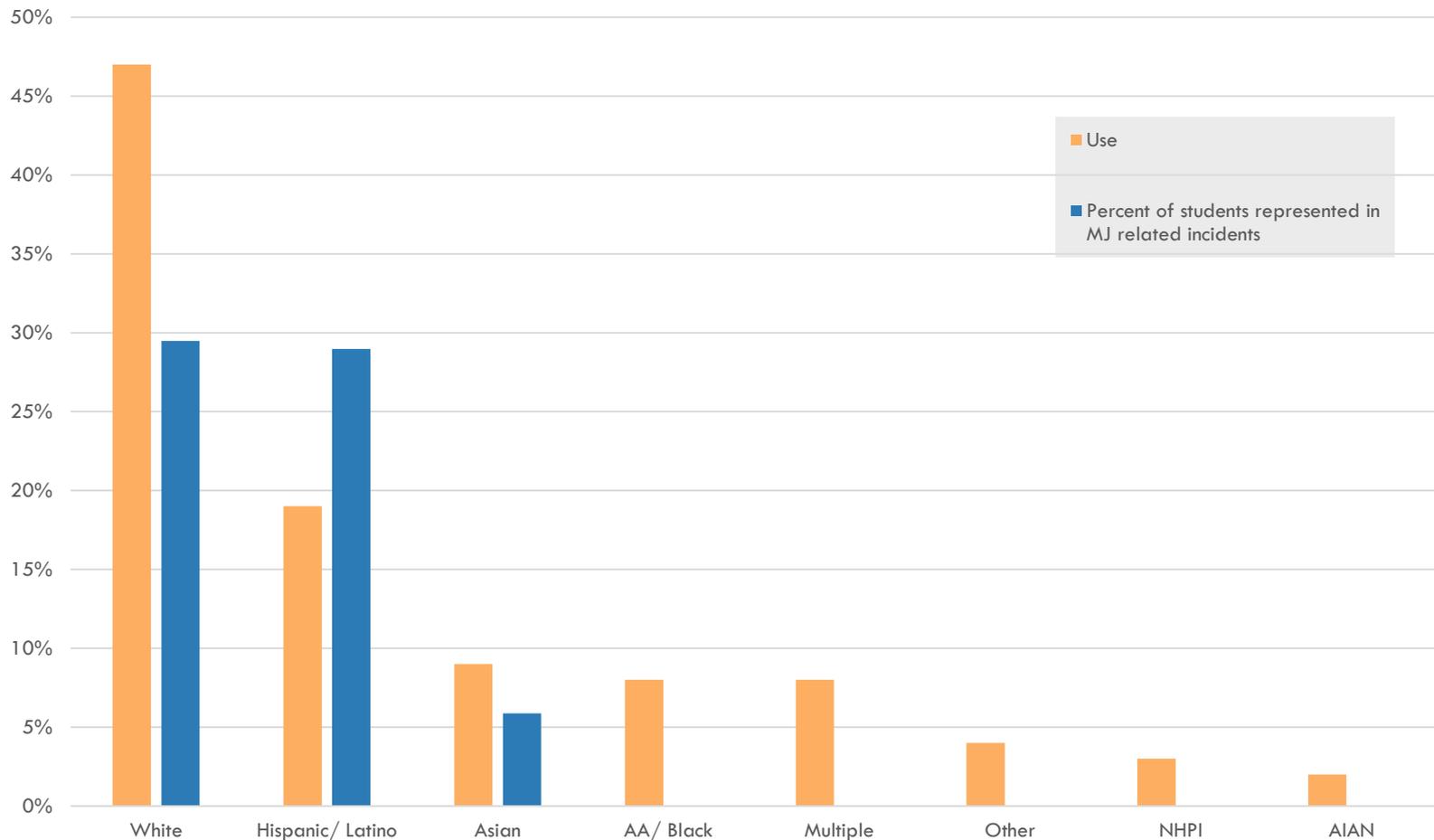
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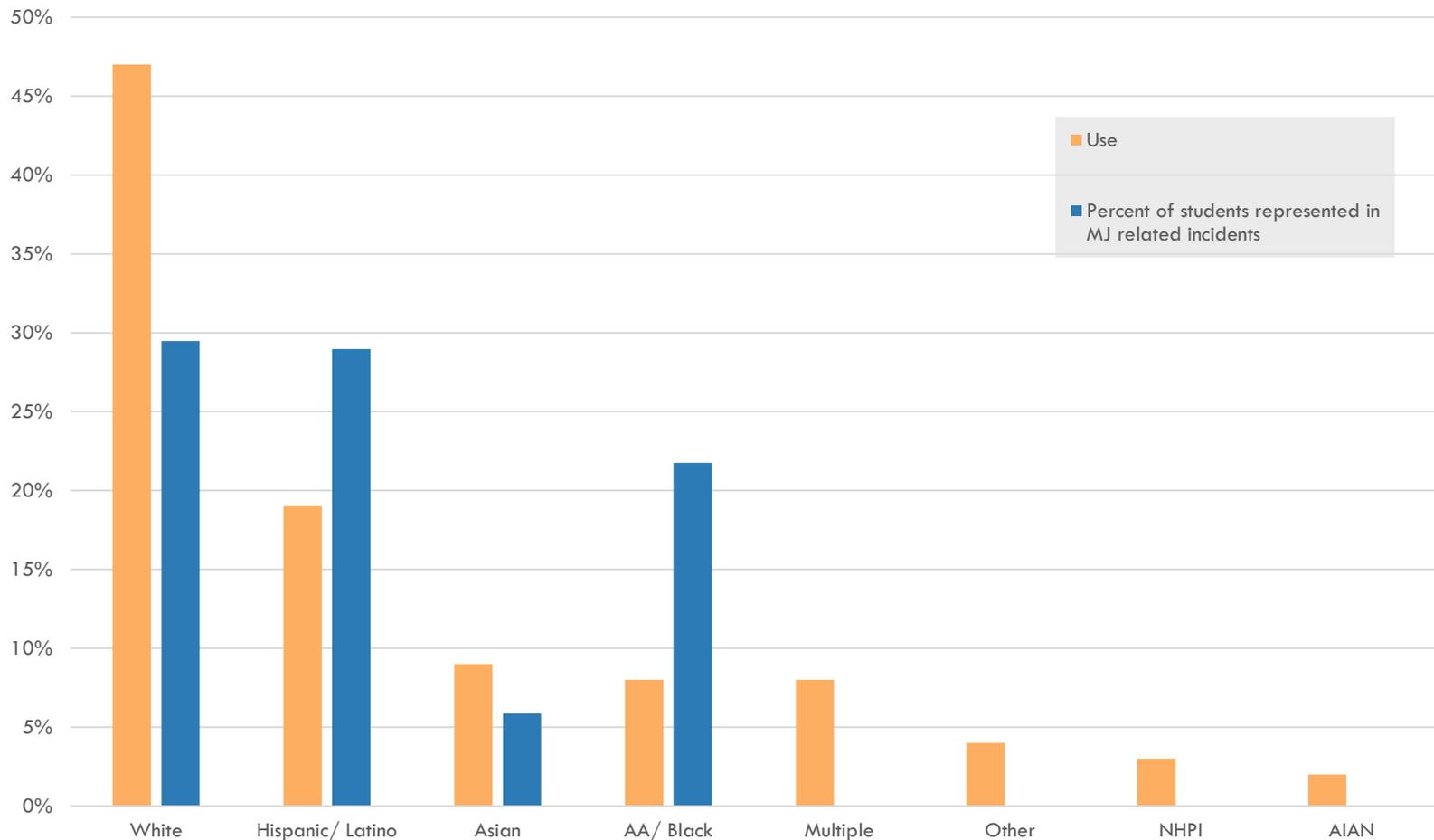
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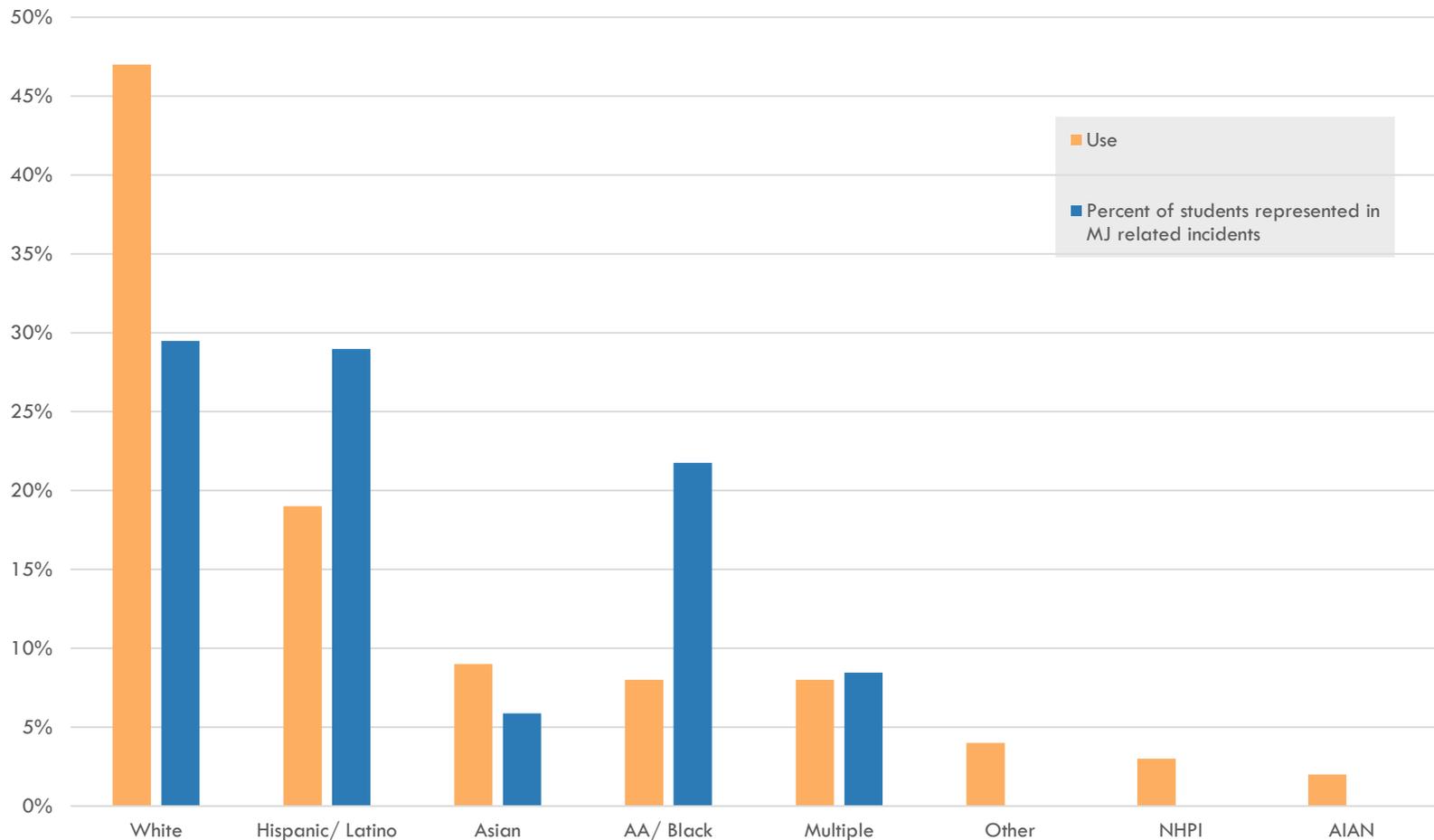
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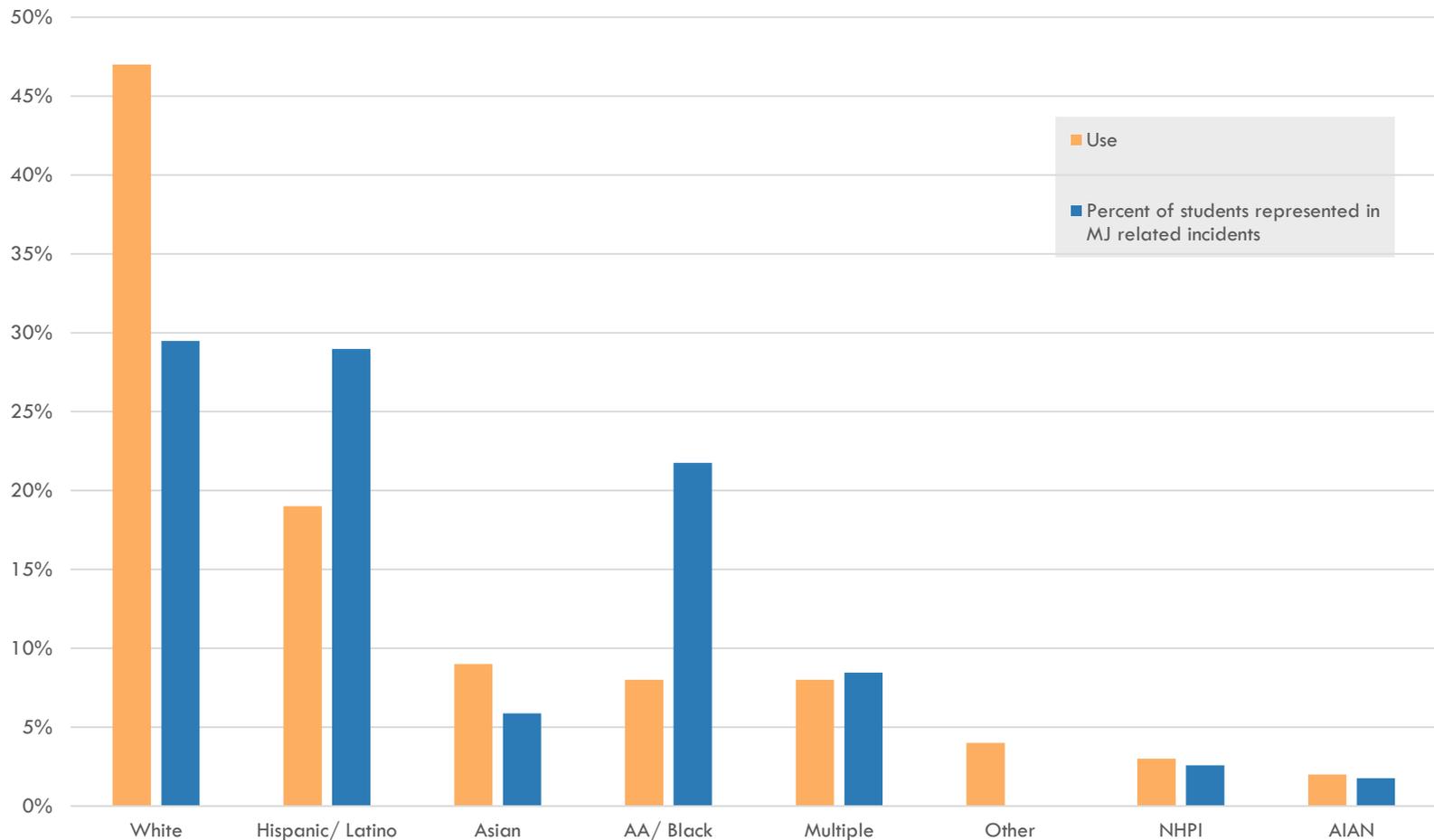
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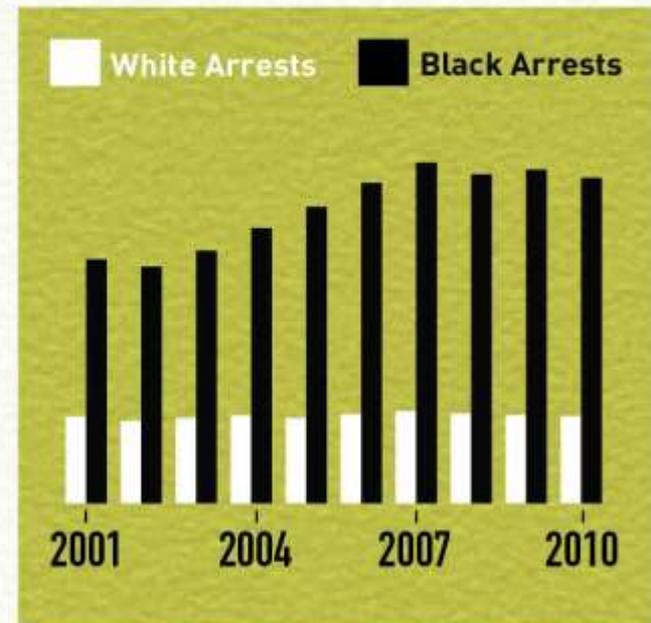


# National Arrest data

## ▶ TARGETING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

ACLU

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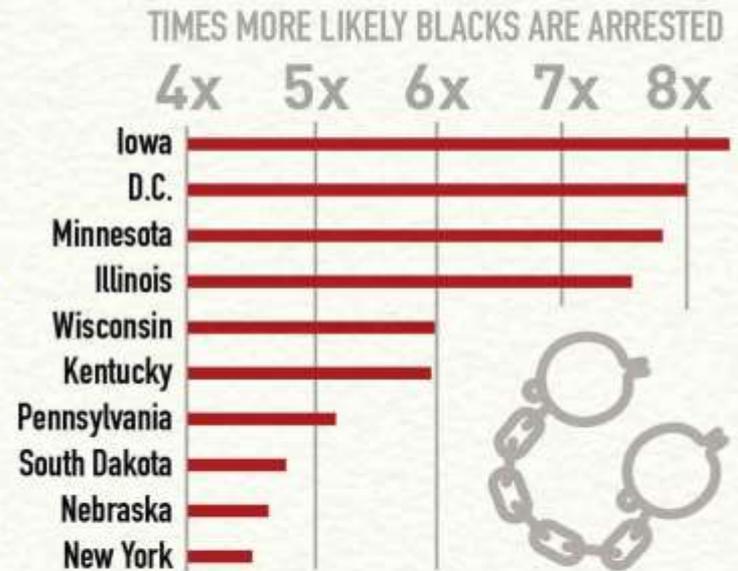


# National Arrest data

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## ▶ WORST DISPARITIES IN 2010

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& ILLINOIS – BLACKS WERE  
7.5 TO 8.5 TIMES  
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# Washington State Arrest data

- In states where legalization occurred, arrests have decreased
  - ▣ In Washington, they decreased by 90% between 2008-2014
- Yet, Black residents were twice as likely to be arrested in 2008 **and** 2014.

Source: (FBI Uniform Crime 2016 Reports, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice)



# Washington State Arrest data

## Marijuana arrest rates per 100,000 population



Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports analyzed by Mike Males

[WAPO.ST/WONKBLOG](http://WAPO.ST/WONKBLOG)



# Impact of arrest

- Access to public benefits
- Employment
- School admittance
- Time
- Disruption of life and family
- Stigma

